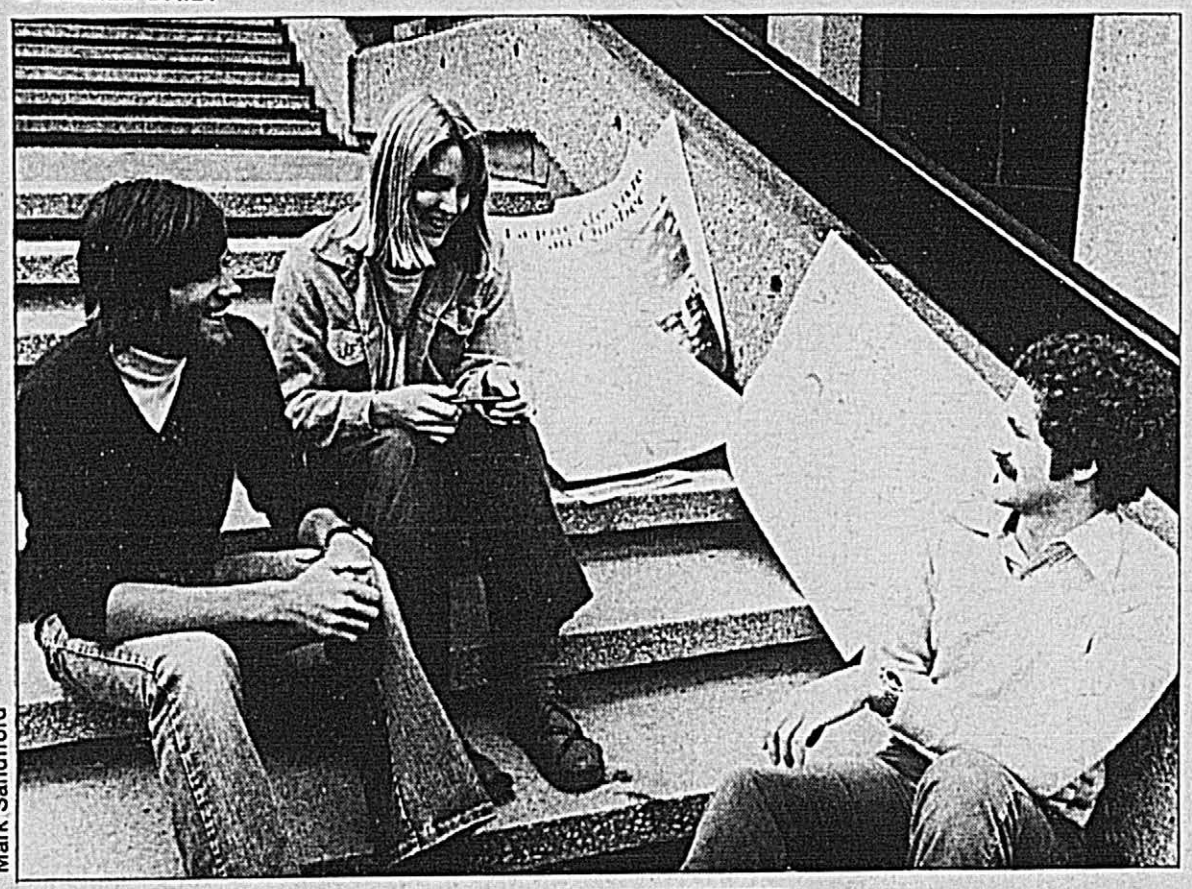

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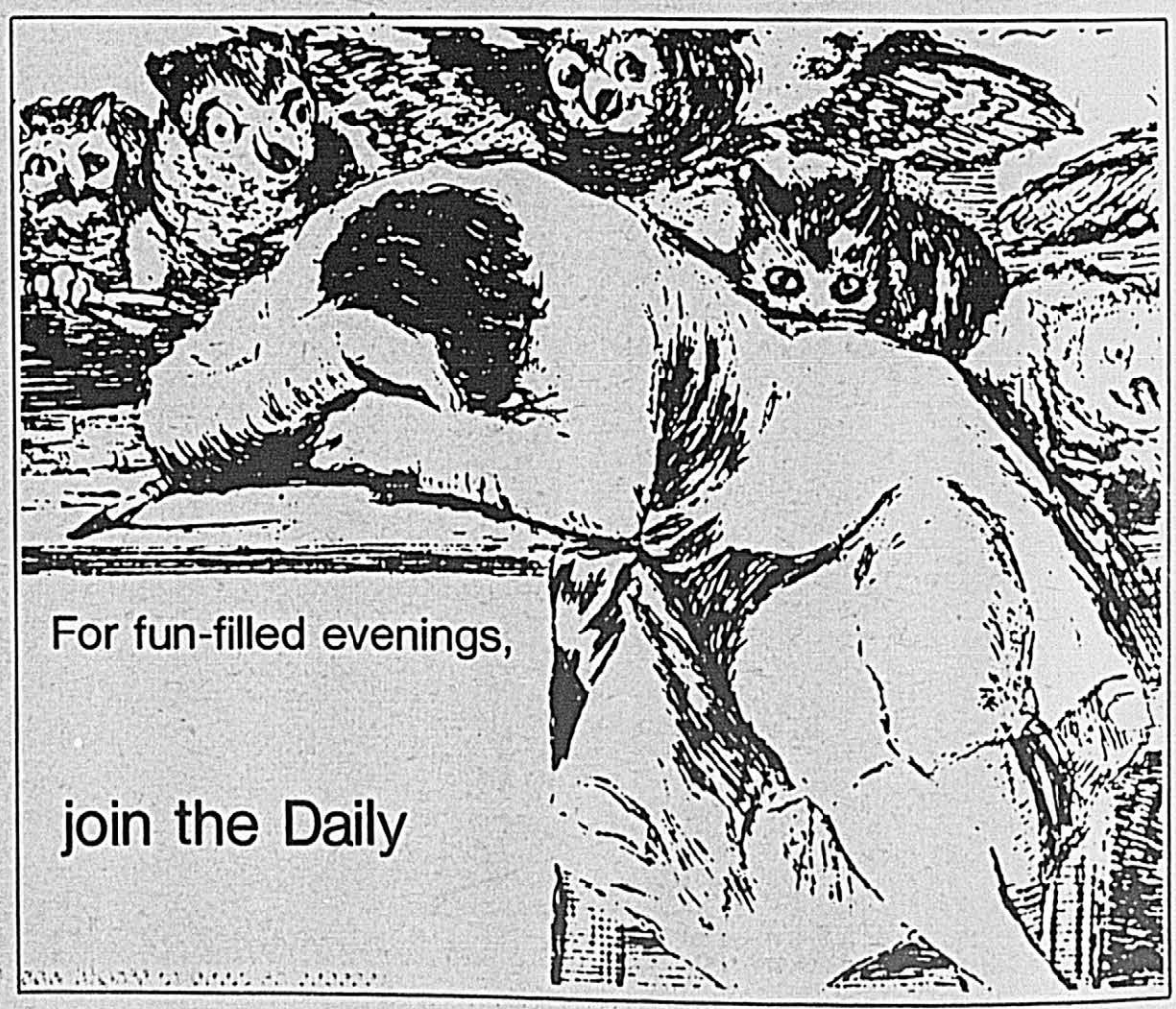

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Society President: Budget Cutbacks a Possibility for Functional Groups

By Ron Doyle

Newly-installed Students' Society president Terry Reed dismissed criticism of the manner the Council Executive has been handling club financing.

"It would be totally irresponsible if we would act like Santa Claus before we get the bag of goodies," he said. He explained that the Society must proceed with caution in approving budgets.

"We have a fixed pie that must be divided many ways. Some clubs are asking for the moon," he warned. Reed hinted that several large functional groups including the **Daily** and Radio McGill may face budget cutbacks August 30, when Council meets to consider club finances.

In an interview with the **Daily**, Reed underlined what he considers the seriousness of the Society's financial predicament. He foresees the necessity of finding alternative sources of revenue. He explains that, bill 101 aside, demographic factors will reduce severely McGill's enrollment figures and thus the Society's per capita revenue from the student fee.

One revenue-generating scheme in the works is a Games Room-Lounge in the Union basement. It will be equipped with pinball machines, ping pong tables and other paraphernalia. Another money-making project under consideration is the installation of a full printing plant in conjunction with SST Typesetting and the **Daily.** Reed is even toying with the idea of abandoning the Union building which is acknowledged to be hopelessly uneconomical. "Of course it would take two years to study its feasibility and another two years to complete the move," he cautions.

Reed cites financial problems as the main cause of the last Council's collapse in 1975 and the subsequent Senate-imposed trusteeship last September." The Yearwood administration has no real control. It often operated in ignorance. If someone went over budget, Council was powerless," Reed explained.

Restoring confidence

Beside setting finances in order Reed stressed the importance of restoring confidence in the Students' Society. For this reason the granting of residence rooms in the Union to council executives, **Daily** editors and Radio Management has been discontinued." Reed said. "Our main problem is image." In lieu of accomodations, Council has approved a categorized remuneration system. Only Reed himself, the Editor-in-chief and one other **Daily** editor receive Category One remuneration: $2500 per year.

Although quick to respond to question of finance and public image, Reed is somewhat vague concerning the Society's role in the larger Society. He is particularly evasive about plans for links with outside student groups. Reed concedes that "the Students' Society is a developing country when it comes to external affairs. We are so far behind the others...We must establish ties that go beyond our boundaries."

"The Students' Society has a lot of problems. I don't think McGill can consider at this time devoting a lot of attention to external affairs."

Regarding the resignation of External Affairs representatives Roger Robillard, Reed is diplomatic. "It is regrettable," he says. "I don't think it would be fair to fill the vacancy before September when the full Council meets."

Reed appears to be ill at ease concerning Bill 101. "It is up to Council to take a stand", he says. A three-member ad hoc committee is presently studying the legislation and will table a report. Previous Bill 101 position papers by Executive Neil Weiner and others were rejected by Council.

As an American, Terry Reed feels uncomfortable expressing an opinion on differential fees for foreign students. He stresses that differential fees are a looming possibility. He quotes Vice-Principal Eigil Pedersen as saying that higher tuition fees for foreign students at McGill are "inevitable."

Emphasizing that he will go along with whatever Council adopts, Reed personally opposes differential fees. "I believe in the cohesiveness of students regardless of their origin", Reed stated. He mentioned that one of the main reasons he came to McGill was due to its "cosmopolitan" atmosphere. This would be threatened, he feels, if visa students were made to pay higher fees. He expressed sympathy however with Canadian nationalists who feel they are being exploited by wealthy foreigners seeking an inexpensive education. "Many Americans come to McGill", he conceded, "because of drastically lower costs for a passable education." Reed himself is from Chevy Chase, Maryland, a wealthy suburb of Washington, D.C. he is in his third year of a Joint Honours programme in Political Science and Philosophy.

Coordinating entertainment

Recognizing the alienation displayed by many McGill students, Reed sees the solution as a high-velocity entertainments programme, keeping in mind economic restraints, of course.

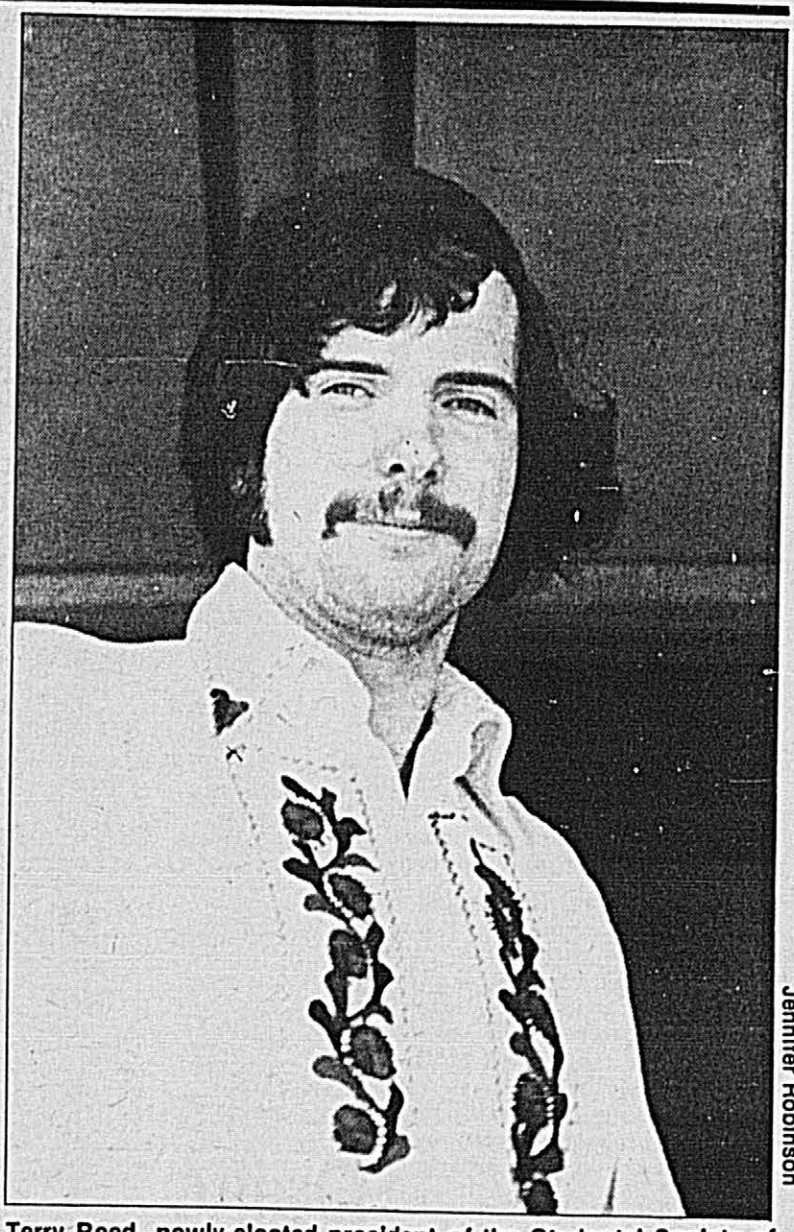
He plans to "redirect and coordinate entertainments among the various faculty groups that presently function autonomously. Reed wants to publicize the services the Students' Society can provide such as ticketing, facilities and security. "There will be an Entertainment Calendar published every month in the **Daily**, he said.

Another project Reed would like instituted is an autonomous Publications Board, responsible for publishing the **Daily.** Presently, he says, decisions involving the **Daily** are inevitably political. "I think that setting up an autonomous Publications Board would be the best thing done by the Students' Society in four years."

However, Reed does not go as far as to approve autonomous funding for the newspaper. He says he is "unsure" about the idea. "What happens when enrollment goes up or down?" he asks. "The per capita levy idea is not safe. The final decision would be up to the Publications Board."

Reed explained the necessity for strict control of **Daily** budgetting. "The **Daily** takes up 50 percent of the budget of the functional groups. There is a need for accountability."

In conclusion, Reed pointed out the weaknesses inherent in any student government. "There is the problem of translence," he said. He explained the difficulty in making any sort of long term plans when there is a complete personnel turnover every year. Reed promises to set up a committee to study the problem.



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Terry Reed, newly-elected president of the Students' Society of McGill.

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Roger Robillard, ex-external affairs rep ran against Terry Reed for the position of President. Robillard resigned in June.

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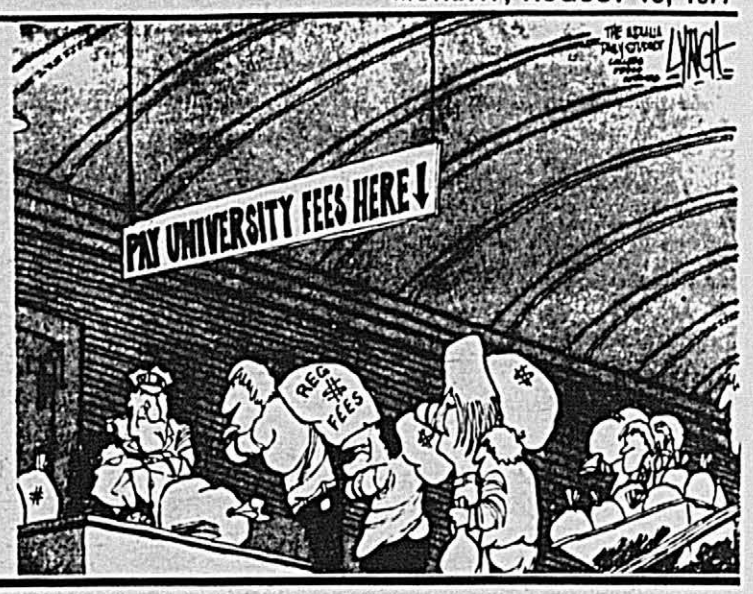


Comment

Daily Crises Then And Now

The student press in Canada has been a key influence on campus affairs for many years. In the case of McGill since 1911, when the **Daily** began publishing, sometimes very clumsily and other times very adroitly, student newpspapers have provided readers with an alternative to the homogenized coverage found in the commercial press.

The publisher of the student paper, usually the student association, is also the paper's prime source of news. In many cases, this situation has led to disputes between councils and newspaper staffs over the issue of editorial freedom. Bitterness and often excessive defensiveness built up between the groups. At McGill, this classic conflict has reached crisis proportions on several occasions, reaching its peak in the early Seventies.

For ten years, between 1965 and 1975, the Students' Society of McGill University attempted to limit the **Daily's** autonomy. Attacks on the **Daily** began in 1965 and from then on the "Daily Crisis" has become an almost annual event until the pattern was broken in December 1975 by a "Council Crisis." The University Senate suspended the Students' Society constitution and placed the association under trusteeship.

In 1965, Council attempted to fire the Daily's editor, Patrick MacFadden, following a startling change in the paper's concerns. Issues such as the Vietnam War, the Canadian political structure and Council's negative attitude towards "L'Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec (UGEQ) replaced the campus coverage which had adorned **Daily** pages prior to that year.

The **Daily's** political stance was constantly attacked by conservative Councils. In 1967, three Daily editors had libel charges brought against them by the Principal. A **Daily** columnist had reprinted a Paul Krassner satire on William Manchester's **Death of a President**, in which Lyndon Johnson was depicted as a necrophiliac, abusing the corpse of John Kennedy. The Administration's legal actions angered the students, including many who objected to the article. This led to occupations and demonstrations. Eventually the Administration adopted a non-interference policy towards the **Daily**.

The years that followed were chaotic for McGill as well as Quebec, beginning with the "McGill Français" campaign in 1968. In 1971, the **Daily** began extensive coverage of Quebec and the labour movement. Many of the **Daily's** detractors who had found the newspaper "too bland" or "too boring" suddenly found it "too controversial" or "too political". They concluded that the **Daily's** coverage neglected "campus events".

One such "campus event" the Daily did not ignore was the antics of the Students' Council. Pressure built on the Council and two Executive members resigned in mid-term. The next Council attempted to field their own candidate for the **Daily** editor, who promised to purge the Daily of all its current staff and start anew. Massive opposition to Council's moves was mobilized by concerned students. A **"Free Daily"** was published for two weeks, funded by ASUS. Eventually an open meeting overturned Council's decision.

A year later, in 1973, Council still maintained that it had rights over the appointment of the **Daily** editor. However, due to the obvious incompetence of the alternative to the staff's choice, Council reluctantly endorsed the elected editor.

The last **"Daily** Crisis" dates back to the winter of 1975 when an executive member of the Society attempted to censure the Editor-in-chief of the **Daily** The councillor's motion was prompted by the failure to report on a wine and cheese party and "poor" coverage of Council meetings. The editor mused that she attended more of the meetings than seven voting members of Council.

In December of 1975, due to a major financial crisis, the Students' Society collapsed. Three committees replaced the elected body. Last year control of the Society was placed in the hands of a Senate-appointed trustee. This September marks the first time in a year and a half that the **Daily** will face a Students' Society run by students. Society president Terry Reed has promised to set up an autonomous Publications Board, giving the **Daily** financial independence from Council for the first time in 56 years. It remains to be seen how committed this Council is to **Daily** autonomy or whether the old pattern of **Daily** crises will once again emerge.

Daniel Boyer

Speakers at McGill

By Jennifer Robinson

René Levesque **might** speak at McGill in late November according to his office's reply to an invitation extended by the Debating Union. Fred McMahon, President of the DU and in charge of the program told the **Daily** that a number of invitations had been sent to various Canadian political figures, scientists, entertainers and people of interest to all, in the hopes of organizing a stimulating speakers' programme for McGill students.

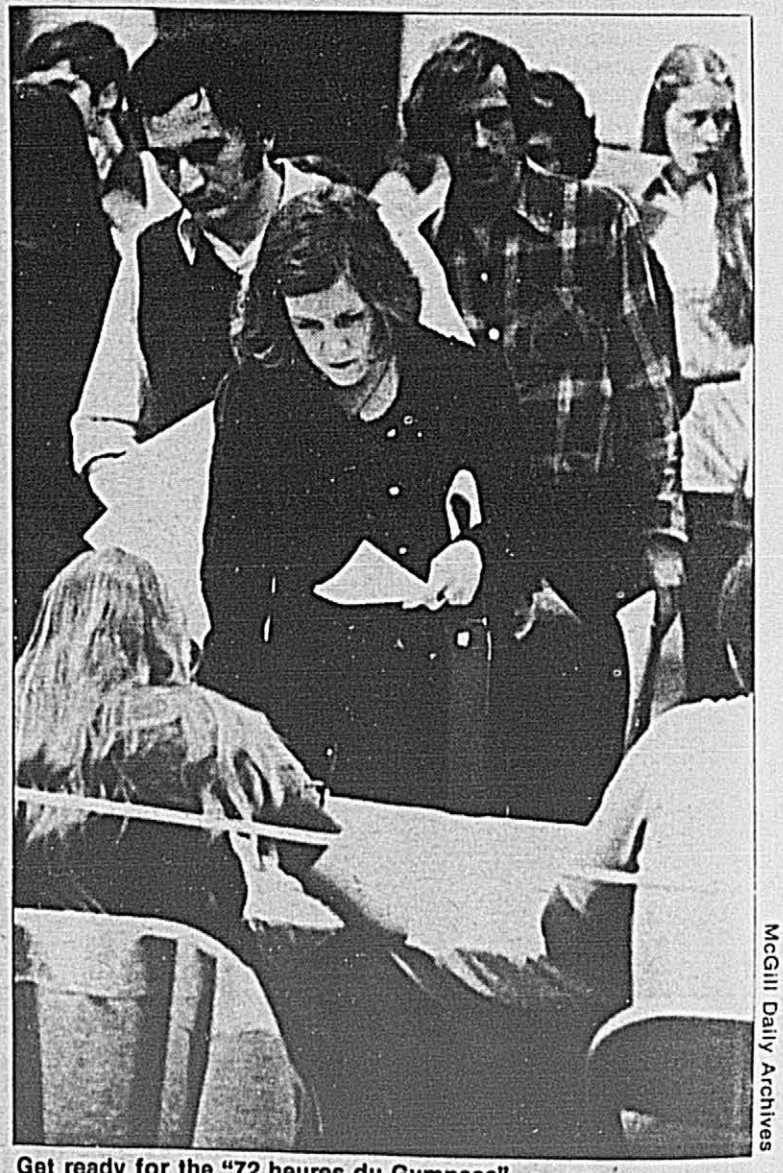
Pierre Trudeau, Ed Broadbent and a number of Quebec political figures are among the people contacted. However, as of yet, only Levesque and Trudeau have acknowledged the invitations.

McMahon revealed that McGill students will be entertained by a Stephen Leacock impersonator and will also witness the prowess of a debating team from Edinburgh in September.

For all speakers, McMahon stated, "if there is an admission cost, it will be minimal."

When asked what themes and topics would dominate the program, McMahon replied that it would depend mainly on who would accept to come, and how much they would charge.

"There is nothing really that the speakers' program shouldn't cover" he stated, but added that the direction of concerns will be "determined by our lack of funds."



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Get ready for the "72 heures du Gymnase".

Student-Run Activities Generate Interest

By Jennifer Robinson

Inside

Establishing a minimum of student activities is the Society's priority, according to Fred McMahon, member of the executive committee in charge of internal affairs. "A pleasantly functioning bureaucracy providing services and social events and creating a sense of community will be the rehabilitated Society's task for the coming year", McMahon stated in a recent interview with the **Daily**.

A pub, and numerous social events, such as dances in the ballroom, and services including the student newspaper, radio, films, speakers, according to McMahon, hopefully will create that sense of community. But these activities and services have existed at McGill for years.

When asked how these would better enhance the community in '77-78 than they did last year, McMahon claimed that because they are now solely student-run, more interest will be generated.

One service absent from McGill since 1974, was the Students' Handbook,. The new blue and mauve catalogue of student concerns will hopefully stimulate interest in the Society. Early publication of the **McGill Daily** is designed to inform newcomers of student organizations on campus and of the possibilities of forming new clubs. These plans were initiated last spring under the Society's trustee, Sam Kingdon.

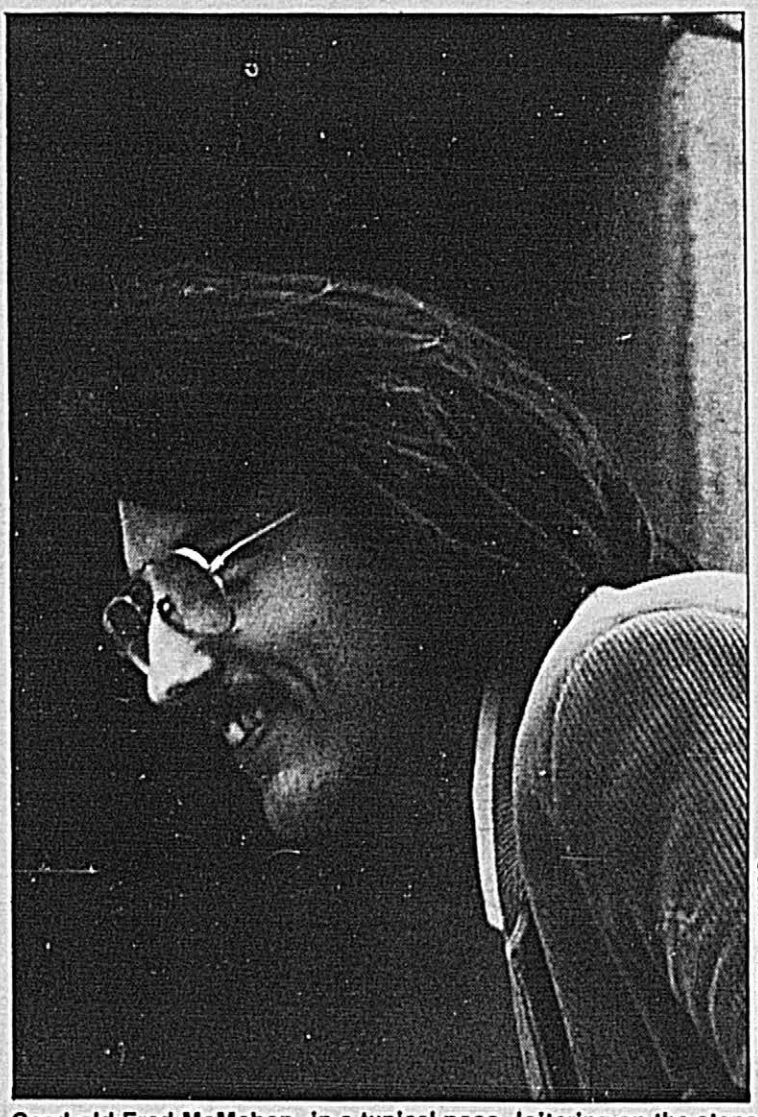
Efficiently running an operation with a budget of nearly $400,000 is a big job. McMahon insisted that student affairs must be run by students, although he confessed that the overwhelming job demanded experience, background information and a great deal of time - things that the present Students' Council and Executive are short of. But he maintained that if it were possible to have an efficient active studetn union in other universities, then it is possible at McGill.

Public meetings are important among McMahon's plans to arouse the interest and involvement of McGill students. Feedback from students is necessary for the Society to "represent student concerns in society and in the university", he said.

Outside

McGill has a monotonous history of spectator participation in student organizations in Quebec. Although external affairs are not specifically his domain, McMahon believes that the society should take a more active role in outside student associations. L'Association nationale des étudiants du Québec (ANEQ), for example, is the provinces's central student union mainly concerned with the quality of education and the recent educational cutbacks in post-secondary institutions. McMahon pointed out that the Society presently is without an external representative since Roger Robillard's resignation. Nonetheless, McGill is well known for its marginal cooperation with francophone student groups, even with an with an external affairs rep.

McMahon's comments on the necessity of cooperation among students within the university, overrode his concern for the necessity of cooperation with the students outside McGill. Although he maintained that participation with Quebec student associations are desirable, he insisted that the Society must first concentrate on improving the social life at McGill, and then see the more "political" concerns. When asked if he did not consider the recent loans and bursaries cutbacks to be directly related to the quality of student life, he repeated his priorities and added "my area is not external affairs."



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Good old Fred McMahon, in a typical pose, loitering on the steps of the Union. Fred is the Society's rep-at-large in charge of internal affairs.

All around

Keeping in line with the other executive members' concerns, McMahon's basic conception of a student society council is a democratically elected body of representatives from all corners of the university. The Society must provide services and social events to students, act as a central organizer and represent student concerns inside and outside Roddick Gates.

That, of course sounds a lot easier than it is, but at least we can be assured that McMahon will do his best to make that 'haven of democracy' possible. He claims his involvement in McGill Students' Society was prompted by the Society's demise last year. Being a firm believer in self-determination, he "couldn't do much else but get involved."

Well involved he is— McMahon is not only on the Society's executive committee he is a Student Senator (student representative on the university Senate), president of the Debating Union, and in charge of the Speakers' Program for 77-78. Of the criticisms that can be made of McMahon (and he recognizes this) one is that he will perhaps not have sufficient time to devote to all his extra-curricular activities; but then one of the major faults of the new constitution is the concentration of too much 'power' on too few people.

Of course, another criticism of not only McMahon but of the executive in general, is their denial of the Society's full participation in outside student organizations, under the disguise of "priorities". Hopefully, the election of a new external affairs rep in September will alter this tendency.

One quality that student politicians the world over seem to lack, but which McMahon revels in, is sincerity - a nice change for McGill and a good indication that there might be more long-needed changes in the Students' Society.

Perseverance and Discipline Shall Fill Committee Seats

by Daniel Boyer

Neil Weiner accepted the position of Executive Committee Member for University Affairs because "among executive positions, that one takes up the least time." Weiner's chief responsibility is the assigning of Senate Committee seats to interested students.

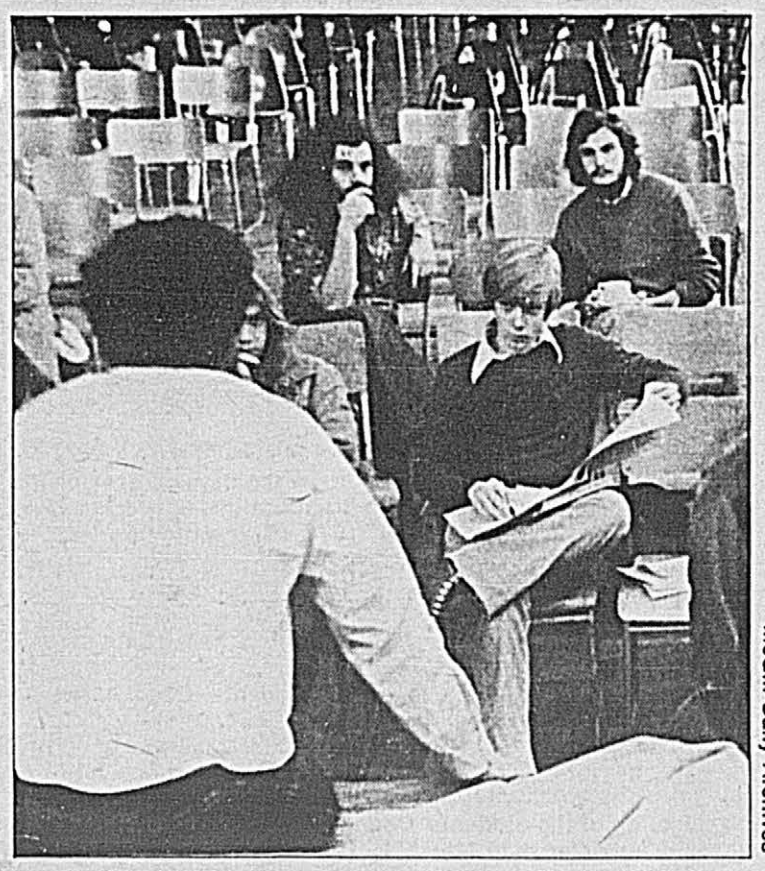
Next year, he plans to coordinate "dialogue between members of the executive and students on senate committees." Anticipating that filling all available seats will be a problem, Weiner mused that it was up to him to persevere and "use the **Daily** more effectively as a means of advertising the positions and, if necessary, remove people who are being non-conscientious."

"I don't see the students as token representatives," Weiner explained "I was a member of a committee for two years, and contributed something to it." On the question of student-administration parity on committees, Weiner does not feel that there is a need to increase student representation on Senate Committees "because last year students proved incapable of running their own society." The English Literature Association is the only student group that has achieved parity in their department.

Weiner sees a dual role for the Students' Society. First, provision of services to students: "The maintenance of the Union building, the publishing of a student paper etc." Secondly, Weiner sees the political role as "difficult to establish: take the reluctance of councillors to discuss Bill 101." Weiner added that "budgetary questions aside, it is vital that McGill have some contact with French-language institutions. Constant contact with ANEQ is essential."

When asked why the Students' Society was concentrating on a pub and not a daycare centre, Weiner said "Something like daycare is a great idea, but everything we do has to take budgetary considerations into account. I hope the Pub will generate revenue."

Weiner sees his priorities as "promoting fiscal and general responsibility. It is embarrassing and shameful that the Students' Society was under trusteeship." Weiner added: "There is more to university than the academic side. The Students' Society can do much more in that area."



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A typical open meeting last year held to discuss the constitution of the Students' Society.

Senate recommendations for the Students' Society

At its meeting of January 26th, 1977, Senate received the Report of the Committee to Restructure the Students' Society (D6-42) and at that meeting and three subsequent meetings (Feb 9th, 23rd and March 9th, 1977) considered the recommendations contained therein. As a result of this consideration, Senate resolved the following:

1. That the Students' Society of McGill continue to exist until December 30, 1979.

2(a) That the University approve in principle the creation of the post of Executive Director of the Students' Society;
(b) That the duties of the Executive Director be those listed in Section R.1.3 of the by-laws found in Appendix B of this report;
(c) That the Nominating Committee of Senate be instructed to establish as soon as possible, a Search Committee for the position of Executive Director with student representation at least fifty percent. The Committee also to be charged with resolving the contradiction now existing in the by-laws regarding the operation of and responsibility for the University Centre.

3. That the student Senators be asked to form an ad hoc committee, composed of representatives of the Students' Council, the Editorial Board of the McGill Daily, the Editor of the McGill Reporter with members from outside the University, to explore ways of improving the methods of informing students of the work of the Students' Society and of University policies in general, and to recommend to the Students' Council a suitable by-law for the proper functioning of the McGill Daily. It is further recommended that this Committee review procedures as adopted by the Students' Society of the University of Toronto for possible implementation of such procedures.

4. That the Nominating Committee of Senate be instructed to present to Senate for approval a proposal for the creation of an ad hoc committee to study the operation to their relationship with the societies with specific reference to their relationship with the Students' Society, their financial and reporting procedures and that the Committee make a first report to Senate in time for the first scheduled Senate meeting in the 1977-78 Session.

5. That Senate, in the beginning of the academic year 1977-78, establish an ad hoc committee to review the development of the Students' Society and to present to the student body and to Senate in the academic year 1978-79, recommendations concerning the future of the Society.

6. That the following steps be taken to phase in the new structure;
(a) That the terms of office of the Students' Council for the academic year 1977-78 begin on June 1, 1977;
(b) That the Acting Executive Director and his advisors appoint a suitable committee to supervise all student elections and / or appointments which are necessary, under the constitution, for the selection of the Students' Council and for the discharge of its mandate not later than March 1, 1977.

7. That school and faculty societies be encouraged to include on their Executive their respective Student Councillor.

Student Councillors

Prtesident:	Terry Reed
Treasurer:	Phil Gertler
External Affairs:	vacant
Internal Affairs:	Fred McMahon
University Affairs:	Neil Weiner
Architecture:	John Palumbo (392-5409
Arts:	Terry Reed (8950)
Dentistry:	Monique Fitch (4925)
Education:	Sylvana Barone (4448)
Engineering:	Bernard Fried (8067)
Post-Graduate:	vacant
Law:	Neil Weiner (5121)
Management:	Phil Gertler (5114)
Medicine:	Michael Bonnycastle (6570)
Music:	Linda Bierbrier (4367)
Nursing:	Diane Rao (5034)
P&Ot:	Eileen Scully (5034)
Science:	Patricia Armand (8950)
Social Work:	vacant
Club reps:	
	Glenda Itiaba
	Fred McMahon
	Rainer Paduch
	Pandelis Papzis
	Laura Quinn
Representatives from Student Senators and Governors:	Mehdi Ghafouri
	Gary Kanofsky
	Marc Letourneau
	Joseph Mastromarino
	Ian Victor

Students' Society of McGill University
Overall Budget View 1977/78
August 4, 1977

		Suggested 77/78 $
I. Business Operations		
1. University Centre (building)		148,000
2. General Administration & Council (4)		142,000
3. Typesetting Service		(10,000)
4. Food Service		5,000
5. Pub		(5,000)
6. University Centre rentals		(3,000)
II. Society Activities		
1. Blood Drive		1 500
2. Entertainment Affairs		1,500
3. Entertainment (Freshman Reception)		3,000
4. Handbook		not available
	Sub-total	6,000
III. Functional Groups		
1. Amateur Radio		
2. Community McGill		
3. Daily		
4. Debating (Speakers' Program)		
5. Film Society		
6. International Students' Association		
7. Legal Aid		
8. Old McGill		
9. Players' Theatre		
10. Radio McGill		
11. Women's Union		
	Sub-total	103,000
IV. Interest Groups [$350.00 x 14] [6] Sub-total		5,000
Total Net Expenditure [I-IV]		391,000
Interest on Reserve Fund		(10,000
Income from Student Fees (3)		(400,000)
Estimated profit (5)		(19,000)
Reserve Fund		
Final Payment on McGill Student Housing Corporation Loan		13,768
Accounting Adjustments		1,208
Deficit 1975-76 (2)		76,280

Notes:
(1) All figures in brackets indicate a net profit or surplus.
(2) In order to cover the deficit for 1975/76, the Reserve Fund was reduced by $76,280 to a balance of $98,593.83.
(3) Represents an increase in feesx of 25% as approved by Senate.
(4) Major increase to cover salaries of Executive Director, Comptroller, and Receptionist in part.
(5) It is strongly recommended that a surplus be budgeted for in 1977/78 as no increase in fees is likely to take place for September 1978 over and above the 25% already approved.
(6) There are more than 14 interest groups.

Gertler: Closed Minds a Dead End

By Ron Doyle

Students' Council Treasurer Phil Gertler wants McGill students to forget the past.

"I would like students to forget the past, forget what you've heard, read, remember about the Students' Society. If you say here we go again, we'll never get anywhere. If they come into the cafeteria, use the Pub, the Games Room, we'll be able to accomplish something. They have to come in with open minds. If they come in with closed minds, what can we do?"

Gertler, a Management student, felt "closed in" within the confines of the Bronfman Building. "I realized that the Society was very weak. I thought I should get out and get involved with the other 18,000 people on campus," he told the Daily in a recent interview.

Gertler replied to criticism of the Joint Management Committee which oversees Society budgetting. He defended JMC chairman Marc Letourneau, who has been called "inexperienced" by some observers. "It's the first time Marc has ever chaired anything. He's still learning. I don't think he's chairing meetings badly. The last meeting wasn't as smooth as it could have been. Give him time."

Gertler detailed some of the reasons for the loss incurred by a number of Students' Society operations last year. He explained that the Pub lost money because it opened late in the year when people's social habits had already been established. The same was true of the cafeteria. "We have to catch people early in the year," Gertler said. He mentioned that a search committee has been set up to hire a pub manager. "We hope to have the Pub operating by the beginning of the school year."

There is an apparent lack of communications between Council Executives. Gertler admitted he had no knowledge of the money-making projects previously outlined by Council president Terry Reed, such as the possibility of installing a printing plant in the Union and Reed's long-term plan of moving out of the McTavish-Street building. Gertler warned that these as far as he knew were Reed's own ideas and that Council had not yet discussed them. Gertler did not seem enthusiastic about abandoning the Union Building. "The building has many problems but we could create more by moving. Besides where could we move to?" he asked.

Gertler admits he retains a Management viewpoint in respect to the University's controversial academic policies. One such policy has been the emphasis in recent years on the Management and Engineering Faculties to the detriment of the Faculty of Arts. "Unfortunately material in Liberal Arts" according to Gertler, is not applicable to the real world. People in Management get the jobs," he said.

Gertler feels his past experience in community and school affairs will be helpful to the Society. A resident of Chomedey in Laval, Gertler is a Cub leader and has been active in the Management Students Association.

Coping With Registration, a Short Course

By Marie Poirier

Honours or major!

In most departments, you have the choice of honours or major programmes. If you want to work like a slave and have no time for anything else, choose the honours programme. You have to take extra credits in your field, seminars, conferences, and maintain an average of B or higher—extra work for a chance of being accepted in graduate studies and a mention on your diploma. In some programmes, a BA with honours is a prerequisite for admission to graduate studies, but there are exceptions. If you are not in honours in your first year, chances are you'll be accepted in your second if you have good grades and the inclination.

The major programme is the same as honours except for the "trimmins that impress". If you opt for a major you'll have free time for serious extra-curricular activities like frisbee-throwing, beer-drinking contests or playing Woodward and Bernstein by joining the Daily.

The advisor

The advisor has the last word on your choice of courses but if you have a good imagination and talent you can usually convince the overworked advisor to grant you the courses you want. It's easier in social sciences because the subjects overlap. You can take a sociology course as a history requirement by saying it studies society in its historical context. Usually the advisors don't know the content of all the courses offered and won't verify. They will believe you if you look sincere and convincing.

The role of the advisor is to fil out forms for bureaucratic purposes (efficiency). You keep one copy of your study plan form, and hand in the other when you register at the gym. The advisor and the university keep a copy, and maybe even the RCMP. Rumour has it that they keep an eye on everybody who is studying East Asian Studies, Russian studies, Third World liberation movements, etc.

Above all be sure to see that the advisor lists the right courses, that there's no timetable conflicts and that each term has the appropriate course load

How to choose the right courses

The advisor approves your choice of courses but won't tell you what the course, professor or workload is like. Good course-hunting is the clue for an interesting year.

In professional faculties, you have almost no choice. The programme is set and you can't deviate. Later on, you can specialize but even then, you must take the required courses. In arts, you're more free. Some basic courses are required but you are free to pick and choose most of them. Many faculty associations publish course guides—be sure to pick one up. Check the Handbook for faculty association phone numbers. Check also with friend who have been at McGill for at least a Year.

If you don't have any friends, don't feel bad—there are lots of students just like you. Read **Sleazing your way through college**, page 11 in the Handbook, and get involved in a student organization. Things will begin to look better.

By Louise Legault

One would think, after a day of orientation on the McGill campus, that students are well aware of registration's particularities. Such is not usually the case however, but there is no need to blow registration way out of proportion. If you follow the rules, the whole process should take less than one hour.

As a new student, you received with a whole lot of literature, your faculty calendar. Read it carefully. You should also consult your department handbook. At your faculty's student affairs office, the final edition of the timetable is available.

Make an appointment with your faculty advisor. Your advisor must scrutinize the following documents, so don't forget to bring them with you: a list of chosen courses, your calendar, departmental handbook and timetable, letter of admission and your CEGEP transcript. After advising you on which courses to take, your faculty advisor will issue you a "study plan form" which you must bring to registration.

Registration Day

Specific days have been alloted to faculties and departments. If you cannot make it on the scheduled day, contact the registrar's office so that alternate plans can be made. No registration by 'proxy' is possible.

The registration process takes place at Currie Gym except for the fortunate few in Agriculture, Medicine and Music. Bring all the documents mentioned above, writing implements are also advisable for the many forms to be filled out, initialled and signed. During the arduous process, if anything goes wrong, information officers will be on hands at a special "HELP" booth.

After

When the ordeal is over, wander down to lower campus where you can gather information on McGill groups and activities and pay a visit to the Beer Tent.

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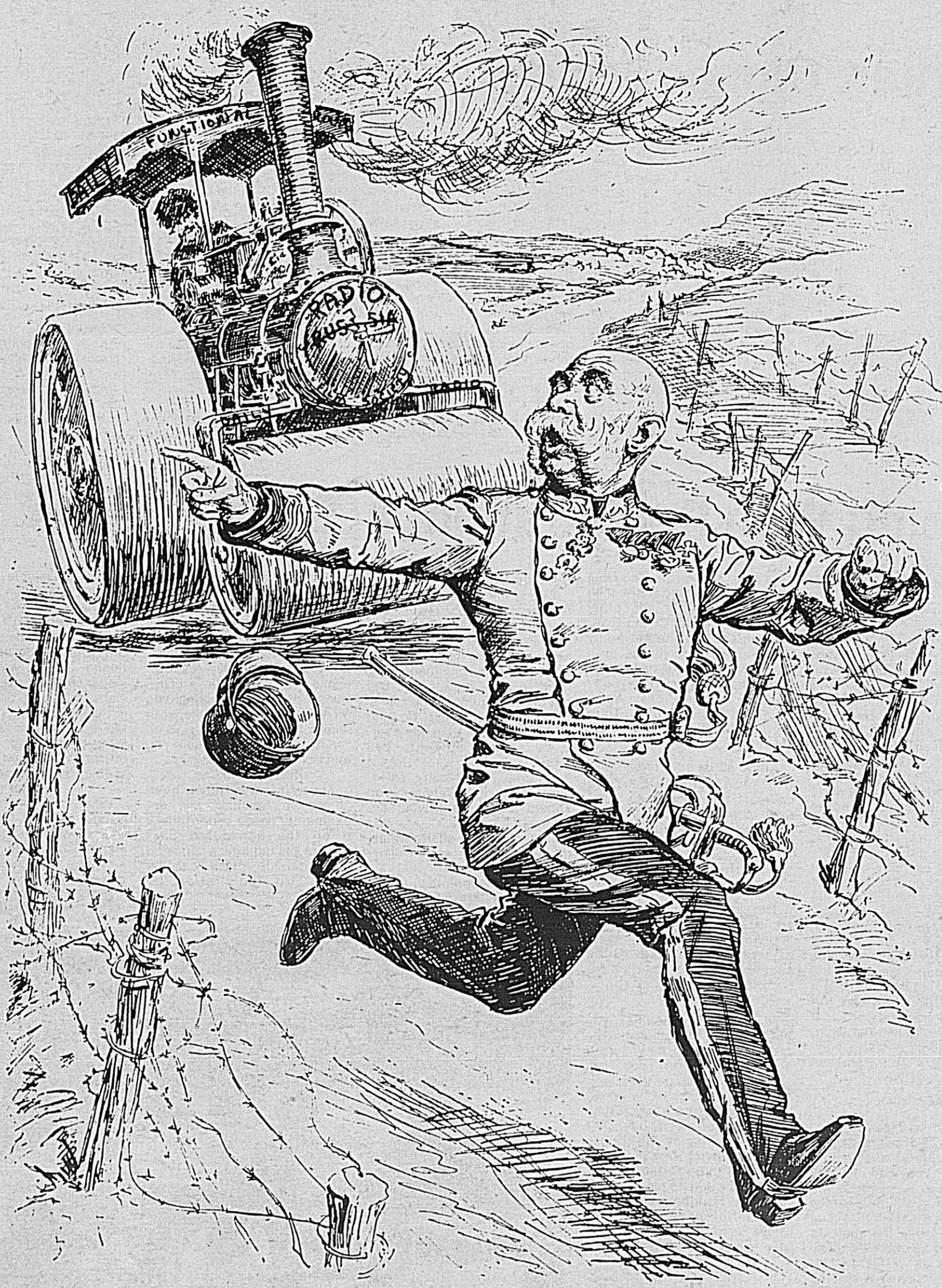
Avoid crowds. It's worth the twenty-five bucks to register late.



Functional Steam Roller

Reed: I really didn't mean that we're going to cut functional group budgets.